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**John CAIRNEY et al.**

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated August 4, 2003, Paper No. 11, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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